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**Communication pursuant to Article 96(2) EPC**

The examination of the above-identified application has revealed that it does not meet the requirements of the European Patent Convention for the reasons enclosed herewith. If the deficiencies indicated are not rectified the application may be refused pursuant to Article 97(1) EPC.

You are invited to file your observations and insofar as the deficiencies are such as to be rectifiable, to correct the indicated deficiencies within a period

**of 4 months**

from the notification of this communication, this period being computed in accordance with Rules 78(2) and 83(2) and (4) EPC.

One set of amendments to the description, claims and drawings is to be filed within the said period on separate sheets (Rule 36(1) EPC).

**Failure to comply with this invitation in due time will result in the application being deemed to be withdrawn (Article 96(3) EPC).**



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**Communication/Minutes (Annex)**

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**Notification/Procès-verbal (Annexe)**

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The examination is being carried out on the **following application documents**:

**Description, Pages**

1-11 as originally filed

**Claims, Numbers**

1-9 as originally filed

- D1: DE 24 11 219 A1 (KANZAKI PAPER MANUFACTURING CO., LTD., TOKIO;  
KANZAKI PAPER MANUFACTUR) 12 September 1974 (1974-09-12)  
D2: GB-A-1 328 361 (GENERAL ELECTRIC CO) 30 August 1973 (1973-08-30)  
D3: DE 12 92 374 B (WYANDOTTE CHEMICALS CORP) 10 April 1969 (1969-04-10)  
D4: WO 02/055596 A (OMYA AG; HOPPLER, HANS, ULRICH; OCHSNER,  
EDWIN; FREY, DANIEL) 18 July 2002 (2002-07-18)

An International Preliminary Report on Patentability / International Preliminary Examination Report has already been drawn up for the present application in accordance with the PCT. The deficiencies mentioned in that report give rise to objections under the corresponding provisions of the EPC.



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#### **Notification of European publication number and information on the application of Article 67(3) EPC**

The provisional protection under Article 67(1) and (2) EPC in the individual contracting states becomes effective only when the conditions referred to in Article 67(3) EPC have been fulfilled (for further details, see information brochure of the European Patent Office "National Law relating to the EPC" and additional information in the Official Journal of the European Patent Office).

Pursuant to Article 158(1) EPC the publication under Article 21 PCT of an international application for which the European Patent Office is a designated Office takes the place of the publication of a European patent application.

The bibliographic data of the above-mentioned Euro-PCT application will be published on 10.01.07 in Section I.1 of the European Patent Bulletin. The European publication number is 1740649.

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**Notification of the data mentioned in Article 128(5) EPC pursuant to Rule 17(3) EPC**

In the above-identified patent application you are designated as inventor/co-inventor.  
Pursuant to Rule 17(3) EPC the data as mentioned in Article 128(5) EPC are notified herewith:

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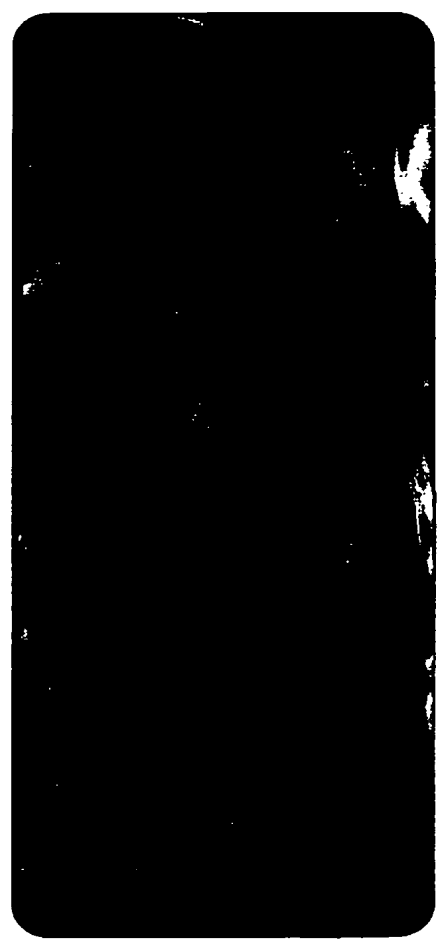
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## Communication pursuant to Rules 109 and 110 EPC

### (1) Amendment of application documents, especially the claims (R. 109 EPC)

The above mentioned international (Euro-PCT) application has entered the European phase, or can do so, once the necessary conditions are fulfilled.

Under Articles 28, 41 PCT, Rules 52, 78 PCT and Rule 86(2) to (4) EPC, the applicant may amend the application documents after receiving the international search report.

**Whether or not he has already done so, he now has a further opportunity to file amended claims or other application documents within a non-extendable time limit of one month after notification of the present communication (R. 109 EPC).**

The claims applicable on expiry of the above time limit, i.e. those filed on entry into the European phase or in response to the present communication, will form the basis for the calculation of any claims fee to be paid (see page 2) and for any supplementary search to be carried out under Article 157(2) EPC (R. 109 EPC).



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Sheet 2

Application No. 05701566.1

## (2) Claims fees under Rule 110 EPC

If the application documents on which the European grant procedure is to be based comprise more than ten claims, a claims fee shall be payable for the eleventh and each subsequent claim within the period provided for in Rule 107(1) EPC.

- ☒ Based on the application documents currently on file, all necessary claims fees have already been paid (or the documents do not comprise more than 10 claims).
- ☐ All necessary fees will be/have been debited automatically according to the automatic debit order.
- ☐ The claims fee due for the claims ..... to ..... were not paid within the above-mentioned period.

Any non-paid claims fee, either based on the current set of claims or on any amended claims to be filed pursuant to Rule 109 EPC (see page 1), may still be validly paid within a non-extendable period of grace of **one month** after notification of this communication.

If a payment is made for only some of the claims, it must be indicated for which claims it is intended. If a claims fee is not paid in due time, the claim concerned is deemed to be abandoned (R. 110(4) EPC).

If claims fees have already been paid, but on expiry of the above-mentioned time limit there is a new set of claims containing fewer fee-incurring claims than previously, the claims fees in excess of those due under Rule 110(2), 2nd sentence, EPC will be refunded (R. 110(3) EPC).

You are reminded that any supplementary search under Article 157(2) EPC will relate only to the last set of claims applicable on expiry of the above time limit AND will be confined to those fee-incurring claims for which fees have been paid in due time.

The fee for the eleventh and each subsequent claim is EUR 45,00.

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